GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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UNPRODUCTIVE EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether unproductive expenditure has been incurred on the construction of road over bridges without ensuring the construction of approach roads by the State Governments;

(b) whether works are not included in the original estimates but are taken up separately;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. Railways undertake construction of Road Over/under bridges in lieu of busylevel crossings on cost sharing basis only after the proposal is sponsored by the concerned State Govt. duly fulfilling certain preliminary pre-requisites required under extant rules which inter alia includes undertaking to bear their share of cost, closure of level crossing on completion of Over/Under bridge etc. The work is sanctioned on receipt of estimate of cost for approaches from State Govt. after which Detailed Estimate inclusive of estimate for bridge proper (over the track) and estimate for approaches is prepared and got approved from State Authorities also. After sanction of the Detailed Estimate, work is executed. Railways execute work of bridge proper(over tracks) and approaches are constructed by State Govt. Railways take up their portion ofwork only after the State Govt. takes up work of their portionand all out efforts are made to complete the work simultaneously with the work of approaches. However, in exceptional cases, sometimes State Govts. lag behind due to problem in acquisition of land for approaches or diversion of traffic etc. but Railway pursue them vigorously to complete the approaches for early commissioning of Road over/under bridge.